Archaeological sites in Tamil Nadu

*432. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Archaeological survey of India had located the habitational site of the iron age people who were buried in big urns at Adichanallur in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the ASI is conducting many more excavations in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Archaeological Survey of India has undertaken the excavation at Adichanallur, District Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu during the seasons 2003-2004 and 2004-2005. The remains of the iron age habitational site have been noticed during the 2004-05 seasons' excavation.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

Representation of Government Cases

*433. SHRI R. SHUNMUGASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken for the prompt and effective representation of the Central Government cases before the High Courts and the Supreme Court;

(b) the existing number of vacancies of Law Officers and standing counsels in the courts and the steps taken to fill them; and

(c) whether there is any agency to monitor performance of the Law Officers and standing counsels of the Central Government and if so, how frequently their performances are assessed?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) In the cases before Supreme Court of India, the representation on behalf of